THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Monday, 10th May 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eight of the clock. Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

* 608 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" I put the question, Sir."

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" I request, Sir, that the question may be taken up tomorrow."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. Minister requests that it may be taken up tomorrow. So, we will take it up tomorrow."

Expenditure incurred due to the visit of the Hon. the Prime Minister in October 1953.

* 612 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the expenditure incurred on the reception and on the security measures adopted during the visit of Hon. Prime Minister Pandit Nehru to this State in October 1953 ; and

(*b*) the expenditure by this Government for the tour programme of the Prime Minister and other Congress Ministers for the election propaganda in Travancore-Cochin State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) An expenditure of Rs. 97,182–5–0 in all was incurred in connexion with the arrangements in question.

" (*b*) This Government did not incur any expenditure for the tours of the Prime Minister and other Ministers for election propaganda in Travancore-Cochin."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Sir, is it a fact that the enormous size of the Police Force engaged was due to the reported threat of anti-Nehru demonstrations by the Dravida Kazhagam and the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, Sir. The usual security measures were taken. They had nothing to do with the threat or otherwise of the Dravida Kazhagam or any other party."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*a*) of the question, may I know what was the amount that was incurred by the State Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" What I have already stated is the expenditure incurred by the State Government."

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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The Hon. Minister was stating that there was no expenditure incurred by the State Government on the tour of the Prime Minister of India in the Travancore-Cochin State during the election period. Is it a fact that the Hon. the Chief Minister of this State was touring in that State in connexion with the recent elections conducted there and may I know whether any expenditure was incurred on that account? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have already given a definite answer that no expenses were incurred by the State Government on this account."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Even on the tour of the Hon. the Chief Minister of this State."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்ன பதிலிலிருந்து பிரதம மந்திரி அவர்கள் வந்துபோனதற்கு ரூ. 97 ஆயிரம் செலவாயிருக்கிறது என்று தெரிகின்றது. அப்படி என்ன அபாயகரமான நிலைமை நம் ராஜ்யத்தில் நிலவி வருகிறது என்று தெரியவில்லை. ஒரு பிரதம மந்திரி வந்ததற்காக 97 ஆயிரம் ரூபாய் செலவழிக்கப்படுவதா ? அவர் நம்முடைய ராஜ்யத்தின் எல்லைக்குள் எத்தனை நாட்கள் தங்கியிருந்தார்கள் என்பதை அறிவிக்குமாறு கேட்டுக் கொள்ளுகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" If I remember aright, he was for five days within our State and he toured the districts of Madurai, Coimbatore and Malabar and other areas. There is a standard measure of security which has got to be taken with reference to the Prime Minister's visit and this is mainly in the form of Police officers going about. The main expenditure incurred was with reference to that."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" The point that I wanted to know was this. When the Hon. the Chief Minister of our State was going to the Travancore-Cochin State, on his way so many Police officers were posted and on that account some expenditure was incurred by this Government. May I know what that amount was? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It was only the local Police who organized the security measures when the Hon. the Chief Minister of this State was moving to the Travancore-Cochin State. No extra expenditure was incurred on that account."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" Sir, ஸ்பெஷல் பிராஞ்ச் போலீஸ் இந்த பிரதம மந்திரியின் சுற்றுப்பயணத்தின்போது உடன்சென்ற செலவும் இந்த செலவோடு சேர்க்கப்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ? அல்லது அது அன்றியே இந்த செலவு ஏற்பட்டிருக்கிறதா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" This expenditure is the entire expenditure including that on the Special Branch Police who were moving about."

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SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Were there not large movements of the Malabar Special Police and the Special Armed Police in connexion with this visit? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There might have been some movements of the Special Armed Police and also the Malabar Special Police."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" In view of our depleted finances, do our Government expect at least a portion of the amount spent by them to be reimbursed by the Central Government? If not, may I request the Government not to spend, at least in future, so much money on security measures with reference to a single individual whether he be the Prime Minister or anybody else? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Certain standards have got to be maintained. Especially, when the concerned individual happens to be the Prime Minister of India, we have got to take certain security measures, and a visit by the Prime Minister has got its own advantages. During his tour under reference, he visited almost all our irrigation projects and as a result of that, we had three other projects sanctioned as soon as he went back because he was impressed by our performance in respect of these irrigation projects."

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY :—" Is it not a fact that whenever the Prime Minister of India comes, a very large number of people running into millions flock together to see him, and that these measures are necessary to safeguard the people who collect in such large numbers? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is a well-known fact that the Prime Minister of India attracts millions of men. That is the difficulty which operates in the minds of the other section of the House. That is why all these questions are put."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Since the proximate cause or the primary purpose of the Prime Minister's visit was promotion of the electoral chances of a particular party, would the Government take steps to request that party to reimburse the expenses incurred? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The visit of the Prime Minister to this State with reference to which this expenditure was incurred had nothing to do with the elections in the Travancore-Cochin State. It was purely a tour of inspection and during this tour, he visited almost all our irrigation projects."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" நமது பிரதம மந்திரியார் அவர்கள் ஏன் நம்முடைய ராஜ்யத்திற்கு வந்தார்கள் என்று யாரும் கேட்கவில்லை இருந்தாலும் அதை நான் ஆட்சேபிக்கவில்லை. முன்பெல்லாம் பிரதம மந்திரியாக மட்டும் வரும்போது இவ்வளவு அதிக செலவு ஏற்பட்டதில்லை. இப்பொழுது காங்கிரஸ் காரியக் கமிட்டியின் தலைவராகவும், பிரதம மந்திரியாகவும் வருவதினால் போலீஸ் செலவு அதிகமாகிறது, வரும்போது

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காங்கிரஸ் கட்சிக் கூட்டங்களில் கலந்து கொள்ளுகிறார். ஆகவே காங்கிரஸ் கமிட்டியார் இந்த செலவின் ஒரு பகுதியை ஏற்றுக்கொள்ள ஆலோசிப்பார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Whenever it is purely a personal visit, the expenditure incurred is very much less, I agree. But he visited this State as the Prime Minister of India, and we cannot efface the fact that he happens to be the Leader of the Congress Party and the Congress Organization as such. So, he takes advantage of such a visit and addresses the Congressmen. That cannot be helped and for that purpose, we cannot ask the Congress Party to share the expenditure."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—"Is it not a fact that the Prime Minister's visit was primarily concerned with the elections in Travancore-Cochin and the inspection of the irrigation projects was a secondary purpose?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"With reference to his visit in connexion with the elections in Travancore-Cochin, no expenditure was incurred. It was with reference to his previous visit that this expenditure was incurred. At that time, there was no question of the Travancore-Cochin elections pending."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—"நமது தேசத்தின் உதவி ஜனாதிபதியாகிய டாக்டர் இராதாகிருஷ்ணன் அடிக்கடி நம்முடைய ராஜ்யத்திற்குவந்து போய்க் கொண்டிருக்கிறார். அவருக்கு அதிகப்படியான தொகை செலவு செய்யப்படாதபோது, கனம் பிரதம மந்திரியார் வந்து போவதற்கு மட்டும் அதிகப்படியான செலவு ஏன் செய்யப்படுகிறது என்பதை கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"The hon. Member knows about the crowd which gathers whenever the Prime Minister visits any part of India or, as a matter of fact, any part of the world. If the hon. Member feels dissatisfied with the gathering of the crowd, he may carry on a propaganda and see that people do not gather when the Prime Minister comes."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—"Question No. 613[a] may be taken up tomorrow, Sir."

MR. SPEAKER :—"Yes. Let us pass on to the next question."

Reabsorption of Government servants retrenched due to separation of Andhra.

* 614 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Government servants thrown out of employment as a result of separation of Andhra; and

(*b*) whether the Government have ordered their reabsorption?

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[a] Answered at the end of question hour.